

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Vice Chair David Howard, on April 23, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Fred Thomas, Chair (R) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. David Howard, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Mary Caferro (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Emge, Committee Secretary
Alexis Sandru, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 29, 4/23/2015

Executive Action: HJ 29 - Be Concurred In

HEARING ON HJ 29

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:48 Rep. Andrea Olsen (D), HD 100, opened the hearing on HJ 29, Study membership-based health services to determine insurance, cost impacts.

00:02:14 Chair Thomas entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:53 Nick Mazanec, attorney, Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Montana State Auditor (CSI)

00:07:48 Kathy McGowan, self

00:11:30 Sheryl Wood, associate director, Montana Association of Counties

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00:14:00 Bob Gilbert, Montana Aviation Trades Association (MATA)

00:17:36 Mike Foster, Catholic Hospitals of Montana (CHM)

00:19:22 Rep. Olsen left the hearing.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:20:13 Sen. Sands

00:20:38 Mr. Mazanec, CSI

00:21:07 Mr. Foster, CHM

00:21:31 Sen. Swandal

00:22:13 Mr. Foster

Discussion:

00:24:18 Vice Chair Howard

00:23:47 Sen. Sands

00:23:59 Vice Chair Howard

Closing by Sponsor:

00:24:07 Sen. Windy Boy closed the hearing on behalf of Rep. Olsen

00:26:49 Rep. Olsen entered the hearing.

00:27:16 Vice Chair Howard

00:27:29 Rep. Olsen (closing)

00:30:00 Sen. Swandal

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 29

00:30:29 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved that **HJ 29 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:30:41 Sen. Sands
00:31:00 Chair Thomas
00:31:11 Sen. Sands
00:31:15 Vice Chair Howard
00:32:18 Mr. Gilbert, MATA
00:32:59 Sen. Windy Boy

00:33:40 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Caferro voted by proxy.
Sen. Windy Boy will carry the bill.

Discussion:

00:34:00 Sen. Windy Boy
00:34:20 Chair Thomas
00:34:29 Sen. Swandal
00:34:34 Sen. Windy Boy
00:34:39 Vice Chair Howard
00:34:50 Chair Thomas
00:34:59 Vice Chair Howard

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:40 P.M.

Julie Emge, Secretary

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